Use of Contract Labourers in Industry and Mining

3140. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that use of contract labourers in industry and mining has increased over the last two decades in spite of legislation in this regard;

(b) if so, what are the number of contract labourers in industry and mining;

(c) whether contract labourer is deployed on regular mining activities of perennial nature;

(d) if so, what is the policy of Government in this regard; and

(e) whether any fresh survey on conditions of contract labourers is proposed to be conducted by Labour Bureau and if not the reasons for not doing so?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b): The number of contract labourers engaged in Industry and Mining is not maintained. The legislation in this regard provides for regulation of employment of contract labourer and abolition in certain circumstances.

(c) and (d): Whenever representations are received for abolition of contract labour system in mining activities of regular/perennial nature, the Government examines such request in consultation with the Central Advisory Contract Labour Board. The Central Government has prohibited contract labour system mining activities mentioned in the enclosed statement (see below)

(e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

1.	Coal Mines	(i) Raising or raising-cum-selling of coal; (ii) Coal loading & unloading (iii) Soft Coke manufacturing (iv) Over-burden removal & earth cutting; and (v) Driving of stone drifts and miscellaneous stone cutting underground.	S.16011/1/74-LW 1.2.75
2.	Iron Ore Mines	(i) Over-burden removal; (ii) Drilling and blasting (iii) Float ore operations (iv) Muck clearing operations in crushing plants screening plants and/or conveyor belts; and (v) Wagon levelling operations	U.23013/9/76-LW 15.12.1979 10.6.1980
3.	Lime Stone Dolomite and Maganese Mines	(i) Over-burden removal (ii) Drilling & blasting	S-16025/88/77-LW 15.12.1979 22.6.1980

4.	Coal Washeries	(i) Unloading of raw coal; (ii) Charging of Magnetite; and (iii) Plant cleaning including removal of shippage, wate, muck cleaning, magnetite removal etc. (iv) Transport of middling; and (v) Removal of slurry	U-23013/11/77-LW 25.7.1983 U-23013/31/87-LW 11.12.1990
5.	Chrome Mines	(i) Over-burden excavation and removal. (ii) Drilling & Blasting; (iii) Raising of Ore; and (iv) Transportation of over-burden to dumps and Ore to stocking sites.	
6.	Magnesite Mines	(i) Over-burden removal; (ii) Drilling and Blasting; and (iii) Raising of Minerals.	
7.	Gypsum Mines	(i) Over-burden removal; and Mining/raising of Mineral.	
8.	Mica Mines	(i) Raising of Mica; (ii) Drilling and Blasting; (iii) Dewatering of Mines; (iv) Muck removal; and (v) Processing of Mica.	S-16025/22/84-LW 20.11.1984 8.12.1984

Socio-Economic Programmes in Collaboration with ILO

@3141. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch more socio-economic programmes in Gujarat and have decided to implement such projects in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation and DRDA; and

(b) if so, the details of the districts of Gujarat which have been selected for launching of socio-economic programmes in participation of International Labour Organisation and DRDA?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) All major rural development programmes like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) Jawahar Rojgar Yogana (JRY) etc. are implemented in various States including Gujarat by the, DRDA, without any external assistance. Apart from the above, the question of taking up the following projects in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation is under consideration:

(1) Special Public Works Programme for generating employment and income opportunities in rural areas in Nizar Block of Surat district and Chhota Udaipur Block of Baroda district.

(2) A regional project on "Employment Promotion and Social Protection of Home-workers".

(3) An action programme for improving the health, education and working conditions of child labour in Ahmedabad.

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